GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE FOR AGRICULTURE PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minimum Support Price (M.S.P.) policy is in operation in the country;

(b) if so, the details of M.S.P. for all agricultural products and foodgrains fixed during the last three years;

(c) the measures taken by the Government to protect the interest of farmers if the prices fall below M.S.P. level; and

(d) the details of crops for which the prices fell below M.S.P. level during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): A statement showing the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of majoragricultural commodities fixed by the Government during the last three years is annexed.

(c)&(d): The designated central nodal agencies undertake price support operations as and when prices fall below the MSP fixed by the Government. The quantities of major agricultural commodities offered by the farmers for sale are procured by the public and cooperative agencies. The crops for which the prices have fallen below the MSP level during the last three years include paddy, wheat, jowar, maize, ragi, soyabean, mustardseed, sunflowerseed, groundnut, copra, etc.

ANNEXURE

MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICES (According to Crop Year)

(Rs. per quintal)

S.No.	Commodity	Variety	1997-98	98-99	99-2000
1.	Paddy	Common	415	440	490
		Grade `A`	445	470	520
2.	Coarse Cereals (Jowar, Bajra & Ragi)		360	390	415
3.	Maize		360	390	415
4.	Wheat		510x	550	580
5.	Barley		350	385	430
6.	Gram		815	895	1015
7	Arhar		900	960	1105
8.	Mong		900	960	1105
9.	Urad		900	960	1105
10.	Sugarcane @		48.45	52.70	56.10
11.	Cotton	F-414/H-777	1330	1440++	1575++
		H-4	1530	1650	1775
12.	Groundnut-in-shell		980	1040	1155
13.	Jute		570	650	750

14. Rapeseed/Mustard 940 1000 1100
15. Sunflower Seed 1000 1060 1155
16. Soybean Black 670 705 755
Yellow 750 795 845
17. Safflower 910 990 1100
18. Toria 905 965 1065
19. Tobacco (VFC) (Rs. per kg.)
Black Soil (F2 Grade) 20.50 22.50 25.00
Light Soil (L2 Grade) 23.50 25.50 27.00
20. Copra (Calender Year) Milling 2700 2900 3100
Ball 2925 3125 3325
21. Sesamum 950 1060 1205
22. Nigerseed 800 850 915

@ Statutory Minimum Price linked to a basic recovery of 8.5 per cent withproportionate premium for every 0.1 per cent increase in recovery above that level.

X Including a Central Bonus of Rs.55.00 per quintal payable from 01-04-98 to 30-06-98.

++ For J-34 variety also.